विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० वी० रंगैया नायडू) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) से (घ) विद्युत परियोजनाओं के लिए स्वीकृत ऋणों/अनुदानों, 31 मार्च, 1993 तक समुपयोजित राशि और उसके प्रतिशत तथा असमुपयोजित राशि का ब्यौरा संलग्न अनुपत्र में दिया गया है। [देखिए परिशिष्ट संख्या 168, अनुपत्र सं० 54]

(ङ) और (च) विदेशी सहायता की असंवितरित शेष राशि पर किसी प्रकार के ब्याज का भुगतान नहीं किया जाता। तथापि, असमुपयोजित राशियों के लिए वचनबद्धता प्रभारों का भुगतान किया जाता है। विद्युत परियोजनाओं के संबंध में भुगतान किए गए वचनबद्धता प्रभारों का ब्यौरा निम्नानुसार है :

1990-91 : 20.08 करोड रुपए
1991-92 : 29.69 करोड़ रुपए
1992-93 : 34.49 करोड़ रुपए

World Bank Document on India's Power Sector

3795. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department's attention is drawn to the World Bank document on "India's progress and challenges in economic transition"; if so, what is the response;

(b) whether it is a fact that average rate of power tarrif is around 50 per cent of the long run marginal cost (LRMC);

(c) whether it is also a fact that agricultural sector pays less than 10 per cent considering overall revenue of electricity and consumers 27 per cent of generated electricity;

(d) whether overall economic subsidy to power users is now estimated to be about 3 per cent of GDP;

(e) whether 25 per cent of public resources are invested consistently in power sector; and

(f) what is the demand projection of other departments for Eighth Plan and the estimated demand of electricity by the end of the Eighth Plan sanctioned by the planning Commission and the expected shortfall thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The Memorandum was submitted to Government.

(b) The Electricity Supply Act, 1948 envisages fixation of tariff on the basis of net fixed assets valued on historical basis. The average cost of generation and supply of power, on all-India basis, worked out to 119.52 paise/kwh, against which, recovery was 94.50 paise/kwh (1991-92).

(c) While agriculture Sector pays less than 10 per cent of the total revenue from sale of electricity, it received about 29 per cent of the total sale of power in the country (1991-92).

(d) The economic subsidy to power users has not been estimated. However, the commercial losses, which represents the difference between the revenue realisation and cost of power supplied in respect of 17 SEBs for the year 1991-92, worked out to 2.10 per cent of the GDP at factor cost by industry origin (at 1990-91 prices).

(e) The approved power sector outlay worked out to 19 per cent of the total Public Sector outlay during the 7th Five Year Plan while it works out to about 18.3 per cent during the 8th Five Year Plan.

(f) The projected demand for power in the country in 1996-97 is assessed to be 4,16,274 MKWH (energy requirement) and

73,656 MW (peak-load requirement). After taking into account the envisaged capacity addition of 30,537.7 MW during the 8th Five Year Plan, the power shortage at the end of the Plan Period is assessed to be 9.0 per cent and 20.7 per cent (peaking demand).

Electrification of Brijpuri, Shahdara

3796. PROF. I. G. SANADI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Senior Officers/Engineers Concerned of DESU made any commitment in writing to the residents of "D" Block, Brij Puri, Shahdara, Delhi, that electrification of their area will be done by the end of February, 1993 positively; if so, the details and date on which such commitment was made;

(b) whether the said area has not so far been electrified by DESU;

(c) if so, the reasons in detail for the inordinate delay in electrification of this area; and

(d) by when the electrification work in the said area is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (d) The electrification work in the said area has almost been completed except for installation of the distribution transformer. Delay has taken place due to the paucity of transformers faced by DESU. The work will be completed shortly after the availability of transformers.

Regularisation of Artists by Calcutta Doordarshan

3797. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Calcutta Doordarshan is still continuing to have the services of about 33 casual artists to assist in the programme at a consolidated salary of Rs. 1200 per month without any inherent benefits like, Provident Fund, Medical facilities etc.;

(b) whether representations have been made to increase their remunerations and to get them proper pay-scales etc.;

(c) whether Government have delayed a decision in the matter; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Doordarshan Kendra, Calcutta is presently engaging thirty three casual workers on assignment basis for assistance in the production of specific programmes. Their remuneration, per programme, ranges between Rs. 300-400 with a maximum of three programmes in a month to each casual worker.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. Representations have been received for increasing their remuneration. Since these casual workers are being booked on assignment basis only, it has not been found possible to give them regular pay scales. The rates of remuneration for such assignments are however increased from time to time.

Proposal for Private Power Development

3798. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a private Power Development Fund has been proposed by the World Bank;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal alongwith the financial assistance likely to be provided by the World Bank; and

(c) what is the decision taken so far on this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) World Bank have offered a technical assistance loan and grant to be administered through the Power Finance Corporation for assisting the private power initiatives.

(b) The overall purpose of the Technical Assistance loan and grant from the